

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Time."

Gen. Sherman has sent word to Washington that he has written a letter to the President, respectfully asking to be relieved from coming to the Capital to take command of the new Military Division. This letter is addressed to General Grant, and is to be submitted to the President by him. Senators have written to General Sherman asking him not to think of resigning, should the President insist upon his coming to Washington to assume the new command.

The consolidation of the Marietta and Cincinnati Railway with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was consummated at Cincinnati yesterday. A new Board of Directors was elected; of which Messrs Jno. S. King, Jr., Thos. Whitridge, John Hopkins, C. Oliver O'Donnell, and Allen A. Chapman, of Baltimore, are members. At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. King was elected President of the Company.

In Philadelphia, last night, Patrick McLaughlin was stabbed to the heart in a scuffle, by Michael Carey, who boarded at the house of the former. The former was employed at the skating park, and coming home late found himself locked out, when he attempted to break open the door, and after being assaulted by his wife, a scuffle ensued, which resulted in his death. Carey has been arrested.

Later advices from Hayti confirm the news that President Sarrave's Haytian army, had been badly beaten in a series of engagements with the Cacos rebels, who had succeeded in re-capturing all the important posts out of which they were recently driven by the national troops. To add to Sarrave's difficulties, he had a quarrel with General Nord, the best of the Haytian generals.

Advices from Nassau to the 13th instant, have been received. A meeting of the blacks had been held, and three speakers openly criticized the Government for its inability to extricate the Colony from the difficulties caused by lavish expenditures and extravagant measures. The whites are thoroughly loyal to the British Crown, but are uneasy in regard to the negroes.

Advices from Kingston, Jamaica, state that the U. S. Consul Mr. Gregg, has telegraphed to Washington, demanding the services of a man-of-war to obtain redress for an outrage committed on the American whaler Hannah (trans). The captain of the whaler has gone to St. Thomas to obtain assistance from that point if possible.

According to the official report sent into Congress yesterday the President, since April, 1865, has pardoned twenty one persons convicted of forgery, seventy-one convicted of passing counterfeit money; in possession of counterfeit money, fourteen; counterfeiting, eleven; and a number for minor offences.

The friends of temperance in Michigan have issued an address to the people of that State, urging the adoption of the article in the proposed new Constitution prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors. The election occurs on the first Monday in April, and this article is separately submitted.

Semi-official telegrams were received yesterday from Alabama, indicating that it is not yet certain at headquarters whether the new Constitution has been ratified. The Radical Congressional Executive Committee admit, however, that it has been lost by at least 4,000 or 5,000 votes.

The Old Fellows of the Northern States, we are informed, have contributed a large amount to aid the Order in the Southern States, or, in other words, to resuscitate those lodges that were broken up during the war. About \$2,000 came to Virginia from the Northern States, and \$600 from Kentucky.

A young man, named Levants, cashier of Ezra Goodrich & Co., importers, of New York, is reported to have disappeared with from one hundred to three hundred thousand dollars. A dispatch states that the defalcation will fully amount to the latter sum.

A Catholic Priest named Father Hennessey refused to be sworn in a court of justice in St. Louis, yesterday, on the ground that he was a foreigner and a member of the French Legation at Washington. He finally was permitted to testify without taking an oath. (?)

In the Georgia Convention a resolution instructing the next Legislature to enact such laws as will compel all carriers to provide equal accommodation for all persons, without distinction of color, was tabled by a vote of 67 yeas to 60 nays.

Pet schemes for the payment of the national debt are now the order of the day. The latest proposal in that line is that Congress shall enact that hereafter the public domain shall be sold for Government bonds, which, fast as obtained, shall be cancelled.

The tobacco factory of George B. Hayne, at Hannibal, Missouri, has been seized for alleged violation of the revenue law. About one thousand pounds of manufactured tobacco and the machinery were taken possession of by the officers.

President Johnson was yesterday waited upon by a deputation of the Baltimore City Council, who presented to him the resolutions of endorsement passed by that body. Congratulations and addresses were made on both sides.

It is estimated that on the first of May, after paying all the gold certificates and interest on the Ten-forty bonds due March 1, and Fifty-two bonds due May 1, there will be about \$72,000,000 in gold remaining in the Treasury.

John Sullivan, who was arrested in Louisville a short time ago, charged with robbing the Southern Express Company at Dresden, Tenn., of \$1,600, has been convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

Three men were capsized in an open boat yesterday, in the Niagara river, and drowned. The accident is supposed to have been caused by the boat having gotten on a piece of floating ice.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs have agreed on a new bill for the one heretofore reported, to protect the rights of American citizens abroad.

The trial of Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr., was concluded on Tuesday. They will render their decision, subject to the approval or disapproval of the Bishop, at some future time.

It is reported that the Fenian organization on the Pacific coast is being placed on a war footing. It is probable that it is their intention to make a raid on the British possessions. The Spiritualists' convention of Western New York convened in Buffalo yesterday. A large number of delegates are in attendance.

Senator Morton's health is much improved, and he walks better than at any time since his return from Europe.

"Ex-Senator Creswell" is hard at work in New Hampshire. He delivered his first speech on Monday night, at Claremont.

Val. "Reconstruction" Convention.

The convention commenced the consideration of the franchise committee's report, yesterday, the first section declaring that every male citizen aged twenty-one, &c., shall vote, being under discussion.

Congress.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Trumbull, from the Judiciary Committee, reported that the committee had agreed upon an amendment to the Supplementary Reconstruction bill, making a majority of the vote only, necessary to the ratification of the Constitutions. Mr. Wilson introduced a joint resolution providing for the admission of Alabama as a State of the Union. The case of Senator Philip F. Thomas was resumed, and finally brought to a conclusion after further debate by a vote against his admission. During the speech of Mr. Johnson he referred to the resignation of Gen. Lee, saying that Mr. Cameron, then Secretary of War, in not ordering his arrest had given more aid to the rebellion than Mr. Thomas by allowing him to go South. This brought from Mr. Cameron the statement that Gen. Lee had expressed a wish to have command of the army in 1861, and assigned his entire loyalty to the Government. Gen. Scott approved of placing Gen. Lee in command, and he (Lee) then asked the privilege of going into Virginia to see if he could bring about a settlement, and with the promise that he would come back. Instead of coming back he deserted. Gen. Lee was then ordered to be arrested, and Mr. Cameron said he thought the case of Gen. Lee was the worst of all the officers who deserted the Government. Mr. Johnson defended Gen. Lee, and questioned the truth of the statement. Mr. Cameron replied that he had no doubt of the facts as stated. The Senate then voted on the resolution of Mr. Johnson admitting Mr. Thomas to his seat and it was rejected—yeas 21, nays 28. Mr. Drake's substitute declaring that Mr. Thomas had voluntarily given aid to the rebellion, and that he was not entitled to take the oath of office as Senator, was then adopted—yeas 27, nays 20.

In the House of Representatives, yesterday, the Judiciary Committee reported a bill to create a Law Department of the Government. From the same committee a bill was reported to prevent the entrance of criminals from foreign lands into the United States, and to provide for their surrender, and passed. The Civil Appropriation bill was finally passed, the House voting to sustain the amendment continuing the additional compensation to the employees of Congress and the clerks in the Departments, and rejecting the amendment reducing the clerical force employed at the Executive Mansion. The Army Appropriation bill was then taken up, and, after some discussion, amended by a proviso securing the gradual reduction of the army by providing that no new commission shall be issued in any regiment, except to those who are by law entitled to appointments as Second Lieutenants by graduation at the Military Academy at West Point. Mr. Blaine, who submitted the amendment, stated that it was made with the approval of Gen. Grant. Several of the items of appropriation in the bill were reduced by vote in Committee of the Whole, but the bill was not finally acted upon.

A resolution was adopted calling upon the President for all correspondence in relation to conferring brevet rank upon Gen. Sherman and his appointment to the command of the Department of the Atlantic.

Foreign News.

The British House of Commons has passed a bill for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in Ireland. The leading members of the Liberal party propose to give a farewell dinner to Minister Adams. Sir George Shee, Judge of the Queen's Bench, is dead.

There is a report current that the French Government has delayed a frigate to watch the movement of the squadron under Admiral Paragut, in the Adriatic Gulf and Eastern Mediterranean.

The Paris Temps says twenty persons were arrested on the second performance of Victor Hugo's drama of "Ruy Blas" at the Odéon. In the Prussian House of Deputies, yesterday, the Government was asked to explain why the German Consul at Jerusalem was allowed to procure the arrest of one Markers, a Jewish subject of Prussia, with whose ward, a young girl, he sought to elope; and why, after her guardian had been thrown into prison, the Prussian Consul at Jerusalem refused his demand for protection. The case created much feeling among the Jews, who regard it as similar to the Mortara affair at Rome, and say the outrage is an insult to Prussia. The Finance Minister replied that the German Consul at Jerusalem was the Federal and the Prussian representative, and consequently, application for information must be made to the Chancellor of the North German Confederation.

The members of the royal family of Hanover and their adherents, now in Vienna, met at a private banquet this week. King George was present. It is reported that in a speech the King assured the company that he would soon return home, and resume the throne of Hanover, in spite of Prussia.

The political agitation in Portugal continues. The new government is very unpopular, and tumults are reported in various parts of the country.

Private advices from Brazil say that a general conscription has been ordered to provide reinforcements for the army.

ZODIACAL LIGHT.—A correspondent writes: "The curious phenomenon of the zodiacal light was witnessed on Sunday evening from 6.50 to 7.20 p. m., in the neighborhood of this city. The beam, as usual, shot upwards from the place of the sun's setting in a horizontal form to the height of about forty five degrees. It was apparently in the zenith nearly two degrees. The axis of the light was in a line from the Pleiades to the horizon, rising about three degrees north of the planet Venus, as nearly as could be ascertained. It was of the richness of the milky way in the region of Cassiopeia. No red color was noticed in connection with this electric display. It is quite probable that this phenomenon may be repeated for several weeks on clear evenings, as we have reached the time of the year, when the zodiacal light is best seen in these latitudes."—N. Y. Post.

RADICAL STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—The Richmond Dispatch of yesterday says: "This body, composed of men appointed at the April Convention, met in this city yesterday. Messrs. Hunt, Lewis, McKenzie, Hunt, Platt, and Maysey, were in attendance. The session was short but quite stormy. It was agreed to hold a convention to nominate candidates for State offices five days after the adjournment of the Constitutional Convention. The committee then adjourned to meet to-day."

The Marlboro' (Md.) Gazette says:—"On Saturday, near this village, Mr. Timothy Ryan was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun, in drawing it through a fence he had hurriedly crossed while in pursuit of game. The lead entered his head, and he died instantly. A little son was with him, and a faithful dog guarded his body, refusing to permit strangers to approach his master until some members of the family came to pacify him. Mr. Ryan was an industrious and honest man, and has left a widow and five small children."

The members of the Virginia Convention and those who have been expelled as ineligible have passed from quarrelling to shooting. Yesterday a negro delegate who voted to expel the interlopers was attacked by undue negroes and one of the latter was shot in turn by a delegate. Both parties were arrested.

The St. Louis Republican says it has good authority for contradicting the late report of Mrs. Lincoln's insanity.

And still Another Scene!

In the Virginia Convention on Tuesday the names were being called for the vote on the oyster tax, Mr. Curtis said that as he believed the proposition was one that, if carried out, would rob the State of the last vestige of property from which revenue could be derived by the State, he would vote "No."

Mr. Bowden: "Mr. President, those words are personally insulting to a member of this House; and they are unbecoming of a gentleman of the House. I call him to order."

Mr. Curtis: "They are true, nevertheless." Mr. Bowden left his seat, and getting beyond the bar of the House, said: "And you are a d—d scoundrel!" [Sensation.] Curtis's countenance grew a shade whiter, though a forced smile overspread it. Mr. Bowden walked up the aisle behind Mr. Curtis, repeating his remarks.

Mr. Allan called Mr. Bowden to order, and moved to have him brought before the bar of the House for censure. He reported the words to the Clerk, to be recorded. The words were recorded.

Mr. Parr: "Yes, sir; but take down the words spoken by the other man, sir." [Laughter and confusion. Cries of "Shut the door."]

The words of Mr. Curtis were taken down. He corrected them. Objections and explanations were made. Bayne said something about Carter's making explanations. Carter said that he had a right to make explanations; Bayne talked too much; he made explanations on any and all occasions.

Bayne: "Dat's not so, sir, I never made an explanation before, sir; and if you say so, I dash it back in your face."

Order being restored, Mr. Bowden said: "Mr. President, I was outside of the bar of the House when I made these remarks, and I intended them for that man (pointing to Curtis). I meant no reflection on any gentlemanly member of this House. I considered his remarks insulting, and I called him a d—d scoundrel; not meaning to insult any other member of the House."

Messrs. Liggett and French declared that they were not insulted by the remark. The voting was concluded after this, and when the vote was announced there was some applause from the Radical side.

Mr. Allan, after speaking in severely reprehensive terms of the conduct of Mr. Bowden, offered the following:

Resolved, That the member from Norfolk (Mr. Bowden) be arrested by the sergeant-at-arms, brought before the bar of the House, and reprimanded by the President for the language used."

Hodges moved to lay it on the table. Mr. Bowden hoped that it would not be laid on the table. He wanted to be brought before the bar of the House. There were other members who would have to be brought before the House before the session was over.

Several other motions were made; and finally Hodges's motion was put and carried.

WHAT THE VIRGINIA "CONVENTION" HAS COST.—It will be seen from the following statement, made by the Auditor of Public Accounts, what the so-called Convention has cost the State up to the 11th of this month:

STATE OF VIRGINIA,
AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, February 11, 1868.
C. Y. Thomas, Chairman Committee of Finance.

SIR:—According to promise I beg leave to furnish a statement showing what has been paid by warrant on the Treasury, issued from this office on Convention account, to this date:

Per diem of members, clerks, sergeant-at-arms, door-keepers, pages, and chaplain.....\$9,483 75
Printing.....1,418 28
Stationery.....903 52
Stenographer.....4,395 00
Total.....\$16,199 55

Very respectfully,
WM. F. TAYLOR,
Auditor Public Accounts.

FROM LIBERIA.—Letters have been received reporting the arrival of the Society's superior packet ship Golconda, at Monrovia, December 24th, after a pleasant passage of thirty six days from Charleston, S. C. The large party of emigrants she safely carried out were well, and delighted with their adopted homes in Liberia. The Golconda was to leave the African coast about the 20th of January, and may be expected soon to arrive at Baltimore. She will be provisioned at that port and call at Savannah, where she will take in the most of the intending emigrants. Some three thousand of the thoughtful and enterprising freedmen have applied for passage, and numbers are petitioning Congress for the means to reach and settle in that growing Republic. The fields of the Rev. R. R. Gurley, will rejoice to learn that his health and that of his son, who accompanied him, had improved on the voyage. They had landed at several of the Liberian towns, and would return in the Golconda.

AN APPEAL.—A petition to the Senate from white citizens of Alabama, was presented by Mr. Dwyer, on Thursday last. A passage reads thus:

"Continue over us, if you will do so, your own rule by the sword. Send down among us, honorable and upright men of your own people, of the race to which you and we belong; and unmerciful, contrary to wise policy and the instruction of the country, and tyrannous as it will be, no hand will be raised among us to resist by force their authority. But do not, we implore you, abdicate your own rule over us by transferring us to the blighting, brutalizing, and unnatural domination of an alien and inferior race, a race which has never shown sufficient administrative capacity for the good government of even the tribes with which it has always been broken up in its native seats, and which, in all ages, has itself furnished slaves for all the other races of the earth."

How THEY DO IT.—In Chicago, when they ask you to drink, they say:
"Nominate your family disturbance."
In St. Louis:
"Choose your cold pizen."
In Cincinnati:
"Do you feel like driving a nail in your coffin?"

In Louisville:
"Let's put an enemy into our mouth."
In New York:
"Let's reduce ourselves below the level of the brutes."

In Boston:
"Let's violate" (the liquor law.)
In Frankfurt:
"Let's absorb."
In New Orleans:
"Shall we tortify?"

In Albany:
"Suppose we drug ourselves."
In Indianapolis:
"Let's us start for the watch-house."
In Terre Haute:
"Let us perjure ourselves."
In Buffalo:
"Let's disqualify."
In Lynchburg:
"Let's take a nip."
In Petersburg:
"Benzine, or Prussic Acid, which?"
In Alexandria:
"Let's Dart."

A company of Canadian Papal Zouaves left Montreal yesterday for Rome.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The famous Dr. Rucker was arrested a few days since, in Nicholas county, on a bench warrant issued by Judge Irvin, upon an indictment found against him, sometime ago, for the illegal release of Jesse Underwood, who had been arrested for horse-stealing.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Valley Bank, at Staunton, convened for the purpose, Wm. Eskridge, late Teller of the Bank, was elected Cashier, and N. P. Catlett, late of the firm of Taylor, Catlett & Powell, was elected Teller.

The Court of Appeals has declared the stay-law unconstitutional and void, as regards deeds of trust, which was the only question in the case before it.

LOUDOUN COUNTY.—The fine estate in this county, lying near the Potomac river, opposite the Point of Rocks, and belonging to the heirs of the late Sarah A. Dawson, was sold at public sale on Monday last, by Auctioneer Rickett, for \$85 per acre. The tract contains 292 acres, and the bidding was lively, showing the high appreciation in which Loudoun land is held. The purchaser, Mr. Richard Heater, of John, is a Loudoun man.

Mr. Joseph M. Conrad, of the "German Settlement" has sold his farm near Lovettsville, containing 165 acres, and a wood lot of 13 acres, for the sum of \$8,100, and has purchased from the heirs of Ezekiel Potts, a farm of 140 acres, one mile above Hill-Croft, for \$80 per acre. Mrs. Leanna Mann has sold 35 acres of land near Bowling on for \$2,400.

Mr. Joshua Pacey, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of this county, died at his residence near Waterford on Friday last, in the 85th year of his age. Mr. Pacey came to Loudoun in 1802, and by his own energy and business habits, amassed a large fortune.

There will be a meeting of the citizens of Loudoun, at Hamilton, on Saturday next, 22d of February, for the purpose of deciding measures in order to the immediate resumption of the work of the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire railroad west of Leasure.

Three black men from the Leesville neighborhood, were committed to the jail of this county on Friday, charged with making the meat house of Mr. Chas. W. Johnson for their own use, and under the direction of certain pieces of meat.—Loudoun Mirror.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—There will be a special meeting of the Board of Trade on Saturday evening, for the purpose of discussing the proposed railroad bills now before Congress—one looking to a road from Washington to Cincinnati, and the other a branch road from this city to connect with the Northern Central railroad at Baltimore.

The trial of John H. Surratt has again been postponed. Mr. Carrington having made the request in court yesterday, stating that he could not be ready by Monday next, and he therefore asked a postponement until March 24th. Mr. Merrick, counsel for defense, said they would not be ready at that time in consequence of the prior engagements of Judge Black, who is also counsel for the defense. Judge Carter remarked that a case of so great importance should not be tried in the evening hours of a term of court, and he would therefore grant a continuance until such time as might hereafter be agreed upon by counsel.

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, February 20.—The market, this morning, showed more activity in wheat than for some days past; we note sales of red at 24, 25 and 26. Corn was dull; offerings of 1,771 bushels mixed, with sales of 108, 109 and 110—100 bushels yellow sold at 114—no white offered. 150 bushels oats were offered, but we heard of no sales. No rye offered. 50 bushels corn meal sold at 108. In flour we have no change to note; market dull; supply ample. We quote super at \$5.04 1/2; extra \$5.12 1/2, and choice brands family \$5.04 1/2. Good butter 40 cts., and wanted. Eggs 32 cts., an advance. Seeds dull, and drooping.

MARRIED.

At Clifton Institute, Anne Arundel county, Md., on Wednesday, 19th inst. by Rev. D. Murray, WM. H. ANDERSON, Esq., of Baltimore, and CARIE M., eldest daughter of Prof. R. L. Brockett.

By Rev. Father Taule, Mr. RICH'D THOMAS, to Mrs. R. M. GORDON, all of Nashville, Tennessee.

At the residence of the bride's father, Wm. Ayre, Esq., Fairfax county, Va., on Wednesday, January 22, 1868, by Rev. W. A. Alick, Mr. RECTOR THOMAS, of Fairfax county, Va., and Miss BETTIE M. AYRE.

In Washington city, on Tuesday evening, February 11, 1868, by the Rev. M. V. Tudor, Mr. JOHN H. HENNAUGH, of Virginia, to INDIA P. BRUSH, daughter of the late Gratton Powell, Esq.

On a testimonial, by the Rev. Mr. Kershaw, ADRIANUS H. LAMBERT, Esq., Registrar of Will of Prince George's county, Md., to Miss FRANKIE, daughter of Mr. Jos. B. Harris, of Marlboro.

At the "Brick Church," Prince George's co., Md., on Tuesday m. inst. the 11th instant, by the Rev. Dr. Marbury, Mr. JOHN M. BOWEN, of the District of Columbia, and Miss ALICE CONNICK, of Aqueduct District.

DIED.

February 19th, 1868, about two o'clock a. m. SIDNEY P. CHAPMAN, Esq., of Fauquier county, Va., but of late years a resident of this city. His funeral will take place from the dwelling of his daughter, Mrs. Judge Nonds, No. 120 Duke street, to a room at the Hotel de France, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

Mr. Chapman was a native of Fauquier, and at one time a man of handsome fortune, which was entirely lost many years ago from his misfortune in being security for an insolvent friend. Mr. O. honorably gave up everything to the creditors, and was never heard to complain, and never even referred to his misfortune. He removed to Washington city, and was for several years private secretary to Mr. Clay, of whom he was to the end of his life a devoted admirer. For the last few years he has lived in Alexandria, and was highly esteemed for his amiable qualities. He was a great reader, and up to the day of his death kept up an intimate acquaintance with the best English classics. He was a devout member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a meek, earnest and consistent Christian. The summons of death found him cheerful and ready to depart.

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